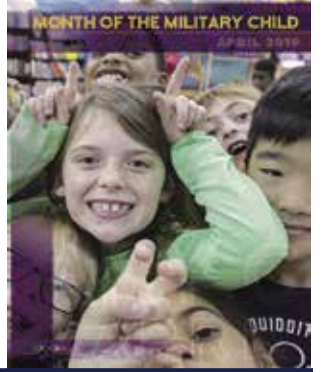




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Aerial refueling probe light evaluations flown with KC-135: Effort to clear Navy, USMC F-35 night refueling envelope



A U.S. Marine Corps F-35B from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, undergoes a ground test of an improved probe light assembly in an Edwards Air Force Base, California, hangar Feb. 28.

(U.S. Navy courtesy photo)

By Kenji Thuloweit

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

3/29/2019 - EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The F-35 Lightning II program recently completed testing on an improved lighting assembly with the KC-135 Stratotanker that will enable the Navy and Marine Corps F-35 variants to refuel behind the tanker at night. Flight testing of the redesigned light, which attaches to a refueling probe, was led by Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Maryland, and supported by Edwards Air Force Base, California.

The test demonstrated teamwork across three services and between test units located on opposite coasts, all focused on quickly evaluating this lighting fix under specific

nighttime conditions to ensure that F-35 operators can expand their night refueling operations to include all configurations of the KC-135.

The purpose of the probe light on Navy and Marine aircraft is to illuminate the refueling receptacle, or “basket,” to ensure that the F-35 pilot can see adequately and make contact to begin refueling. However, the existing lighting design made it difficult for the KC-135 boom operator to see the silhouette of the F-35, which is an Air Force requirement in order for the boom operator to monitor refueling operations and help the F-35 pilot maintain safe separation from the refueling boom. One

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CLB-4 MARINES CONDUCT HELICOPTER SUPPORT TEAM OPERATIONS



U.S. Marines Corps landing support specialists with Headquarters and Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, attach a training block to a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter on Landing Zone Swan, Okinawa, March 29. Helicopter Support Team operations are conducted to train landing support specialists and pilots for transferring heavy equipment and supplies using helicopters.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Armando Elizalde)

MCIPAC Commanding General signs Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Brennan Beauton)

Brig. Gen. Paul Rock Jr. signs the 2019 Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Campaign Proclamation April 1 at Camp Foster. The campaign's focus is to raise public awareness about child supervision and safety during April, Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month. Rock is the commanding general of Marine Installations Pacific-Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Japan.

Wilson, Goldfein outline Air Force progress, need for larger force

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

4/2/2019 - WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein told lawmakers on two House committees Tuesday that the Air Force must get bigger and funding must be predictable to meet – and defeat – security threats at home, globally and in space in an era of great power competition.

“In Fiscal Year 2020, we will continue to build a more lethal and ready Air Force, while fielding tomorrow’s Air Force faster and smarter,” Wilson and Goldfein said in a joint statement highlighting the themes presented first to the House Armed Services Committee and later in day to the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee.

In both appearances, they cited findings from the independent and bipartisan National Defense Strategy Commission to explain the stakes. “Regardless of where the next conflict occurs or which adversary it features, the Air Force will be at the forefront,” the Commission said.

Increasing the number of operational squadrons to 386 from the current 312 is required, they said, to meet requirements in the National Defense Strategy and to “prevail over our highest priority competitors.” The analysis from which 386 was derived included thousands of simulations and war games “produced an unmistakable conclusion: the Air Force is too small for what our nation needs.”

“It’s no surprise that the Air Force we have is the smaller than the Air Force we need,” Wilson told the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee.

Wilson and Goldfein at both hearings also urged Congress to pass a supplemental spending bill that would include funds to

repair Tyndall Air Force Base that was heavily damaged by Hurricane Michael in October and Offutt Air Force Base that was submerged last month by 7 feet of water in some places when the Missouri River flooded.

Building a more lethal and ready force

While Wilson and Goldfein dealt with issues ranging from the impact of climate change on operations to the development of hypersonic weapons, the use of artificial intelligence and the Air Force’s role in cyber warfare, among others, they highlighted a core set of issues.

Ensuring readiness was one. When fiscal year 2020 ends, they said, the Air Force will increase by 4,400 Airmen and 5,143 civilians. That growth follows 2019 in which the Air Force increased pilot production by graduating 1,211 pilots with production expected to hit 1,480 in 2020.

“We are more ready for major combat operations today than we were two years ago. More than 90 percent of our pacing squadrons are ready to ‘fight tonight’ with their lead force packages,” Wilson and Goldfein said in their Fiscal Year 2020 Posture Statement to Congress.

The Service’s space budget also increases in fiscal 2020 with a 17 percent increase over the 2019 budget, building on advances and further accelerating efforts to protect and defend the nation’s ability to operate in space.

The top service leaders also affirmed the importance of a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent. The Air Force provides two-thirds of the nation’s nuclear triad and 75 percent of the nuclear command, control and communications capability, they told the Armed Services Committee.

“Since the end of the Second World War over 70 years ago,



(U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Clark)

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein testify during a House Armed Services Committee hearing in Washington D.C., April 2.

every President and every Congress has supported the nuclear triad as a vital element of our national defense. We must continue to do so,” they said.

speeding up and streamlining the acquisition process. To date, the service has eliminated 78 years of “acquisition schedule time” and saved \$15 billion in the last nine months. There is

capabilities, and will continue purchasing 48 aircraft each year,” they said.

The Importance of Consistent, Predictable Funding

While the fiscal year 2020 lays the foundation for building “the Air Force We Need,” additional topline funding is required in future budgets to grow to 386 operational squadrons.

And central to meeting Air Force goals, Wilson and Goldfein said, is the necessity of predictable, consistent funding.

“No enemy in the field has done as much to harm the readiness of the Air Force than the combined impact of artificial spending restrictions, worsened by operating for 10 of the last 11 years under continuing resolutions of varied and unpredictable duration,” the joint statement says.

“Let’s be clear. We cannot fully implement the National Defense Strategy to protect America’s vital national interests with unpredictable and constrained budgets. We must come together to find a way forward,” they said.



(Courtesy by Boeing)

Fielding tomorrow’s Air Force faster and smarter

In this era of great power competition, Wilson and Goldfein said, “We cannot win this contest with an acquisition system from the Cold War. We must move fast to stay competitive, and we are fundamentally transforming what we buy, how we buy it, and from whom we buy it.”

They also noted the advances the Air Force has realized in

heightened focus – and results – from using prototypes, tailored acquisition strategies and agile software development, they said.

The service, in the fiscal year 2020 budget, is set to continue the development and purchase of key weapon systems to include the KC-46, B-21 and F-35 while also investing in modernized F-15EX’s to replace the aging F-15Cs.

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A Navy F-35C Lightning II is drogue refueled by a KC-10A Extender during a training mission near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., April 10, 2015.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Kelly)

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main objective of this redesign is to ensure better visibility for the KC-135 boom operator.

“An issue with the current probe light was that it was too bright, blinding the KC-135 aerial refueling boom operators,” said Michael McGee, 418th Flight Test Squadron aerial refueling project manager at Edwards AFB. “The new light was designed to be less bright, but still bright enough for the F-35 pilot to see clearly.”

For this test, an F-35B deployed to Edwards AFB from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 23, or VX-23, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, and was paired up with a KC-135 and test aircrew from the 418th FLTS. Both ground and flight tests posed interesting challenges for the team consisting of 418th FLTS and 461st Flight Test Squadron personnel.

“For the ground test we used a hangar,” McGee said. “The environment needed to be completely dark. We had to remove emergency lighting from the facility and place mats on the floor to reduce light glare. The boom operators were raised on a scissor lift to simulate the KC-135 tanker. The team had to simulate the drogue basket approaching the F-35B so the 461st FLTS maintainers mounted the basket onto a B-4

aircraft maintenance stand. Since the stand is on wheels, we could simulate the basket approaching the probe while the F-35 pilot assessed the brightness of the light.”

The ground test evaluated two types of lights with different color tones - a warm white light and an amber light - across various brightness levels. The warm white light was assessed as the best choice for both of the boom operators and pilots, McGee said.

The first flight test lasted four hours and accomplished all of the required test points.

“Our biggest concern was completing the test during the lowest moon illumination; worst case lighting scenario time-frame, which was March 1-11,” McGee said. “For the flight test, we planned a minimum of two flights, but captured all test points on our first flight.”

The evaluation had favorable results and the design will now be considered by the Air Refueling Certification Agency to be incorporated into a revised flight clearance for the Navy and Marine Corps, anticipated by early this summer.

The F-35A — the U.S. Air Force variant — does not have a probe so no light change is required for that model.

NMCB-3 Seabees construct k-spans



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 place concrete for the construction of a k-span structure onboard Camp Shields, April 2.

(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lopez)



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 place concrete for the construction of a k-span structure onboard Camp Shields, April 3. NMCB-3 is forward deployed throughout the Indo-Pacific region and United States ready to support major combat operations, theater security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

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USS Wasp, SPMAGTF 4 arrive in the Philippines for Exercise Balikatan

By USS WASP (LHD 1)

3/30/2019 - SUBIC BAY, Philippines — The amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), with embarked Marines from Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) 4, led by 4th Marine Regiment, arrived in Subic Bay on March 30, in preparation for Exercise Balikatan.

Balikatan is an exercise between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States, and also features participation from Australia. Balikatan is a Tagalog phrase for “shoulder-to-shoulder,” which characterizes the spirit of the exercise and represents the partnership between the U.S. and the Philippines.

“We are excited to visit the Philippines for the first time since Wasp was forward deployed to 7th Fleet,” said Capt. Colby Howard, Wasp’s commanding officer. “Balikatan is a great opportunity for the Navy, Marine Corps team and our allies from the Republic of the Philippines to learn from one another, and further improve our ability operate together.”

During Balikatan 2019, U.S. and Philippine forces will conduct amphibious operations, live-fire training, urban operations, aviation operations, and counterterrorism response. All events will take place in Luzon and Palawan.

This will be the first Exercise Balikatan to incorporate the Wasp with the embarked United States Marines Corps’ F-35B Lightning II aircraft. Together they represent an increase in military capability committed to a free and open Indo-Pacific region. Participating in Balikatan demonstrates their ability to quickly forward deploy in



U.S. Marines and Sailors conduct flight operations in international airspace aboard the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), March 27 in the Philippine Sea.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Richard Limone)

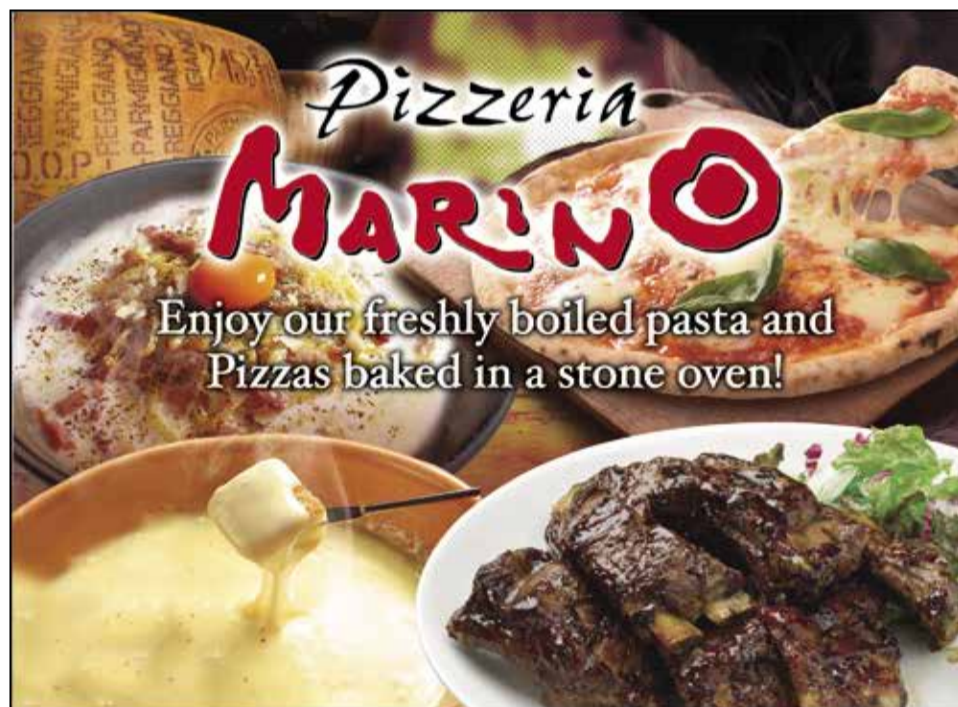
support of an ally should a crisis or natural disaster occur.

Balikatan 2019 will also bring together ASEAN members for an International Observers Program. The program aims to promote greater defense cooperation with ASEAN and other key allies and partners;

show multinational coordination where the observers can mutually exchange meaningful ideas and best practices; and showcase the joint and combined air, sea and ground operation of the AFP-U.S. armed forces.

This year’s Balikatan focuses on maritime

security and amphibious capabilities, as well as multinational interoperability through military exchanges. Exercises like Balikatan strengthen international partnerships and the participating militaries’ abilities to rapidly respond in unison to crises throughout the Indo-Pacific region.



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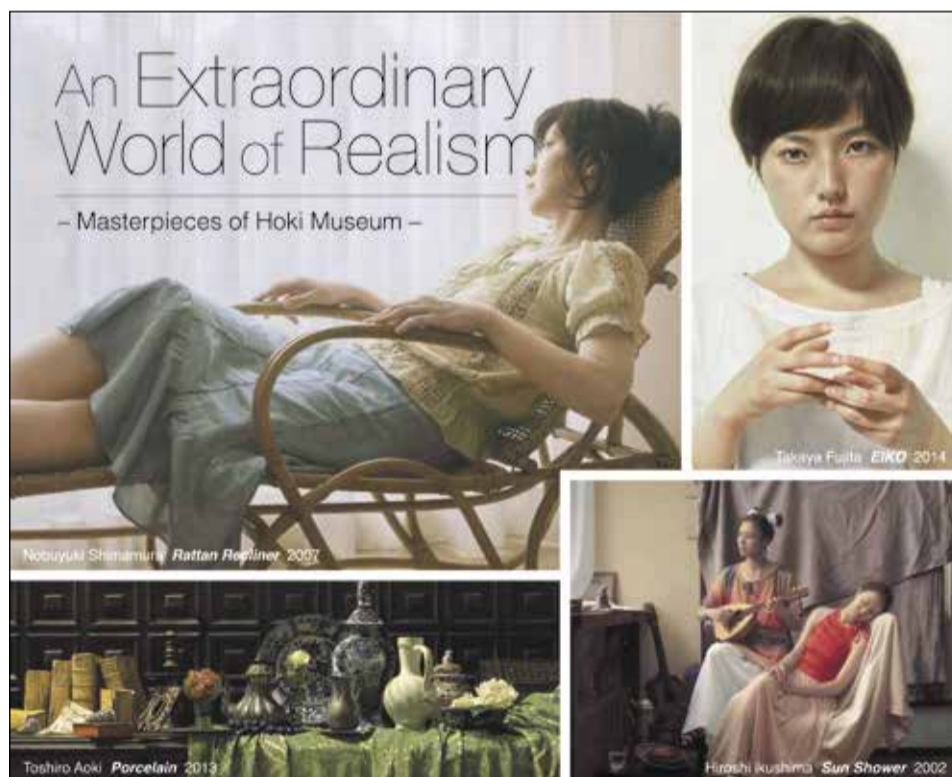
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Pacific Partnership multinational team arrives in Micronesia



U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Marc Molenat and a local nurse perform a wellness check on a Chuukese child during Pacific Partnership 2019, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, March 31.



Chuukese children wait in line to receive a dental exam from U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Koby Ferguson during Pacific Partnership 2019, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, April 2.

(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tyrell K. Morris)

By Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific

3/31/2019 - CHUUK, Federated States of Micronesia — The multinational crew aboard Military Sealift Command expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Brunswick (T-EPF 6) arrived in the Lower Mortlock Islands to support local communities' recovery from the aftermath of Typhoon Wutip as part of the Pacific Partnership 2019 mission to the islands, March 31.

The Pacific Partnership team, which recently departed the Marshall Islands, expanded the mission with activities in the outlying islands, providing support to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in close coordination with local authorities, the U.S. Embassy and USAID.

"Pacific Partnership is about working together," said Royal Navy Capt. Paddy Allen,

director of mission for Pacific Partnership 2019. "We have an adaptable mission, agile platform and amazing expertise that allows us to bring together a network of partners where and when they are needed."

The additional stops will leverage Brunswick's ability to maneuver in shallow waters along with expertise from military personnel from the U.S., Australia, Japan, Peru and the United Kingdom. The Pacific Partnership team will work in tandem with local experts on nearly a dozen islands within Weno, as well as the Lower Mortlock Islands and Northwest Islands.

During the stops, events are planned along Pacific Partnership's main focus areas. Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief professionals will work with local experts to help develop local response capacities and help them prepare for future

disaster scenarios. Engineering teams will work construction projects that support enhancing local community infrastructure. Medical personnel will conduct health care engagements side-by-side with local medical professionals.

"The mission capabilities that Pacific Partnership and Brunswick bring allow us to support the people of Micronesia in the aftermath of the typhoon and help them prepare for future extreme weather events," said U.S. Navy Cmdr. Marc Davis, mission chief staff officer aboard Brunswick. "With our mission's focus on working collectively with partner nations in enhancing regional interoperability and partner nation disaster response capabilities, we decided to review and modify our Pacific Partnership mission to provide support to FSM's recovery efforts."

Pacific Partnership began in response to one of the world's most catastrophic natural disasters, the December 2004 tsunami that devastated parts of South and Southeast Asia. The mission has evolved over the years from emphasis on direct care to an operation focused on enhancing partnerships through host nation subject matter expert and civil-military exchanges.

Pacific Partnership, now in its 14th iteration, is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster response preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific. Each year, the mission team works collectively with host and partner nations to enhance regional interoperability and disaster response capabilities, increase stability and security in the region, and foster new and enduring friendships across the Indo-Pacific.

Pacific Partnership 2019 introduces helicopter en route medical care

By Petty Officer 2nd Class William Berksteiner

Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific **3/18/2019 - TACLOBAN, Philippines** — Pacific Partnership personnel partnered with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine emergency responders to train in enroute medical care helicopter operations in Tacloban, March 16.

The exercise is an opportunity for the U.S. and partner nation personnel to work alongside their counterparts to enhance field medical capabilities in times of humanitarian assistance and disaster response.

"What we're developing is an expeditionary skill set of enroute care and applying it to disaster management in the Philippines," said Lt. Cmdr. Erik Hardy, the U.S. Navy liaison at the Joint Enroute Care Schoolhouse. "We're teaching our local civilian partners, community partners and local AFP the basics of safe and effective patient treatment and movement independent of platform."

The exercise is an important part of disaster risk reduction where emergency responders learn to use ground and rotary wing transport assets to carefully evacuate injured personnel to treatment facilities. The aim of the program is for a continuity of education among partner nation military and emergency responders.

"What we're hoping for is that they will be better equipped to develop a [training] program which would allow them to disseminate and share this information with other organizations," said Royal Air Force Reserves Flight Lieutenant John Carolan-Cullion.

The training uses local and regional medical evacuation capabilities and develops tactics that can broaden partner nation capabilities when disaster strikes in various regions throughout the world.

"This is an expeditionary medical skillset," said Hardy. "It is the capability, when called upon in these global health engagement opportunities, to work with a country that may be prone to a disaster and collaborate with our partner forces."



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)

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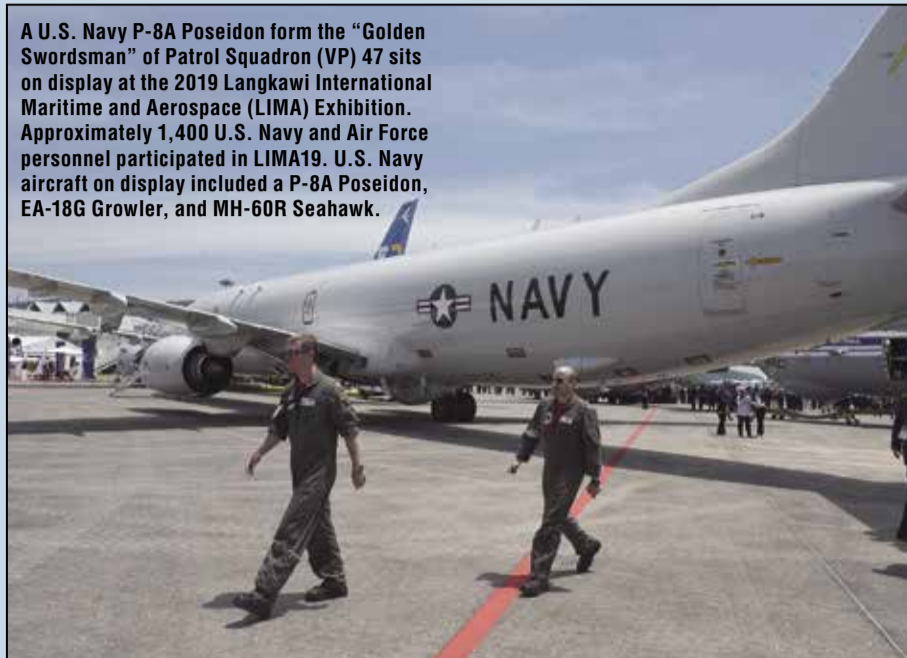
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Airpower on display at LIMA 19



A Malaysian military member provides security during the opening ceremony of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2019 at Padang Mat Sirat, Malaysia, March 26.

(U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Kitsana Dounglomchan)



A U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon from the "Golden Swordsman" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 47 sits on display at the 2019 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) Exhibition. Approximately 1,400 U.S. Navy and Air Force personnel participated in LIMA19. U.S. Navy aircraft on display included a P-8A Poseidon, EA-18G Growler, and MH-60R Seahawk.

(U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Apprentice Leonard Adams)



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman)

A B-52 Stratofortress assigned to the 23rd Bomb Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, N.D., performs its second and final pass over the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2019 in Padang Mat Sirat, Malaysia, March 26.



(U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman)

Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Tun Mahathir bin Mohamad, opens the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2019 in Padang Mat Sirat, Malaysia, March 26.



A U.S. Navy EA-18G Growler from the "Scorpions" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 132 sits on display at the 2019 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) Exhibition.

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3/6 NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TRAINING

U.S. Marines with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment under Unit Deployment Program, undergo non-lethal weapons training at Camp Schwab on March 29. During this portion of the training, the Marines experienced the effects of a stun gun in order to further understand the device, and enhance their judgement when employing it.



(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. Nathan Maysonet)

JGSDF visits 4th Marine Regiment



Soldiers from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force visit U.S. Marines with 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, on Camp Schwab, March 28. Their visit was led by Sgt. Maj. Dennis M. Bradley, the Sergeant Major of 3rd Marine Division, and consisted of viewing static displays of equipment that is used to effectively conduct operations.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Josue Marquez)

CAMP COURTNEY CLEAN UP



Military service members, their families, and local residents come together to pick up trash near Camp Courtney, March 30. The clean-up was held to preserve the appearance of the local community.

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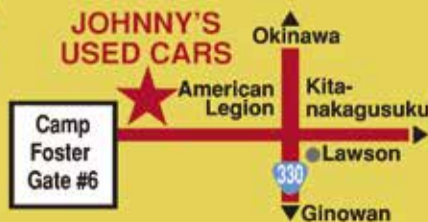
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SUPPORTING THE WARFIGHTER CLR-35 invites senior leaders of 3rd MARDIV to view their capabilities



U.S. Marine Corps Col. Omar Randall views the deployable manufacturing abilities of General Support Maintenance Company, Maintenance Battalion, during a capabilities tour March 27 at Camp Kinser.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jamin M. Powell)

By Lance Cpl. Jamin Powell

3rd Marine Logistics Group
3/29/2019 - CAMP KINSER — How does 3rd Marine Logistics Group actually support the Marines fighting on the ground in the Indo-Pacific area of operations? U.S. Marine Corps Col. Joon H. Um, commanding officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, and Col. Omar Randall, assistant chief of staff, mobility and operations, 3rd Marine Division, toured with other 3rd MARDIV senior leaders, on Camp Kinser, to answer that question.

The 3rd MARDIV personnel toured 3rd Maintenance Battalion and Supply Battalion, CLR-35 to see exactly what the different logistics units do to provide support to the fight.

Throughout the tour, the 3rd Marine Logistics Group and 3rd MARDIV leaders were briefed on the daily operations of the

shops, ways they can make the repair and return of their equipment more efficient and numerous ways that they can receive support from the various logistics units.

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General Support Maintenance Company has begun 3D printing small parts and pieces to many different things, to include Kevlar mounts, bolts and door handles, for fast disposable use while more permanent solutions are manufactured elsewhere. This gets the warfighters of 3rd MARDIV their equipment in working condition faster and gives support units more time to manufacture a better solution.

Army releases document charting course for air and missile defense



The Army test fires a Patriot missile in a recent test. The Patriot missile system is a ground-based, mobile missile defense interceptor deployed by the United States to detect, track and engage unmanned aerial vehicles, cruise missiles, and short-range and tactical ballistic missiles.

(U.S. Army photo by Jason Cutshaw)

By Jason Cutshaw

U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command / Army Forces Strategic Command
3/21/2019 - REDSTONE ARSENAL, Alabama — In response to increasingly complex threats, the U.S. Army is charting a clear path forward to provide flexible, agile and integrated air and missile defense forces capable of deploying, fighting and winning against any adversary.

To communicate how the Air and Missile Defense, or AMD, enterprise is postured to synchronize efforts to execute multi-domain operations, defend the Homeland and succeed in future operational environments, the Army recently published the Army Air and Missile Defense 2028. This document, developed by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, is informed by the National Defense and National Military Strategies, and nests with the Missile Defense Review, the Army Strategy, the U.S. Army in Multi-Domain Operations 2028, and the Army Modernization Strategy.

Army Air and Missile Defense 2028 provides the Army's overarching vision for the AMD force, describes how the AMD force is postured to support the Army and joint forces, and articulates what must be accomplished to achieve the 2028 desired end state of preventing and defeating adversary air and missile attacks through a combination of deterrence, active and passive defense, and support to attack operations.

"Our vision is that the AMD force of 2028 will provide the combatant commanders with a flexible, agile, and integrated AMD force capable of executing multi-domain operations and defending the homeland, regional joint and coalition forces, and critical assets in support of unified land operations," said Lt. Gen. James H. Dickinson, USASMDC/ARSTRAT commanding general. "To do this, we will execute four lines of effort. We will modernize and develop AMD capabilities; build AMD capacity for multi-domain operations; provide trained and ready AMD forces; and maintain forward presence and build allied and partner capacity."

Dickinson serves as the Army's AMD enterprise integrator and is responsible for synchronizing the balanced implementation of Army AMD efforts across the functions of force planning and sourcing requirements, combat and materiel development, and AMD acquisition and lifecycle management. The AMD enterprise consists of those agencies and

organizations that develop, maintain, sustain, train, and employ Army AMD assets. Inherent with the role of the AMD enterprise integrator is the orchestration of consistent AMD strategic communication messaging themes.

The AMD enterprise remains focused on modernization initiatives and balancing fiscal resources to ensure the timely development and implementation of the AMD modernization priorities: Maneuver Short Range Air Defense, or SHORAD; the Indirect Fire Protection System, or IFPC; a Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Sensor, or LTAMDS, to replace the current Patriot radar; and the Integrated Air and Missile Defense Battle Command System, or IBCS.

AMD forces are a critical enabler for multi-domain operations, or MDOs, as they protect maneuvering ground forces, defend critical assets in the theater and operational support areas, and help create windows of superiority in the air domain that the joint force can exploit.

Dickinson said the Army will have AMD capabilities across all operational areas as defined by multi-domain operations, to include ballistic missile defense capabilities designed to protect assets in the strategic and tactical support areas; cruise missile and aircraft defense forces intended to protect assets in the operational and tactical support areas, and the close areas; and counter-unmanned aircraft systems, or UAS, and counter-rocket, artillery, and mortar capabilities support the fight in the close area.

He added that a significant shift in Army AMD formations in the future will be multi-mission AMD battalions with a mix of capabilities. For example, Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, and Patriot; or Patriot and IFPC; or Maneuver- SHORAD and IFPC. In addition, future formations will employ tailored force packages - composite battalion, battery or platoon sized - as the mission dictates.

"We need integrated fires, both offensive and defensive, across domains, regions and missions, using multi-mission, high demand, low density assets," Dickinson said. "Our future architecture will be layered and integrated, utilizing the full suite of space, cyber, electronic warfare, as well as land and air sensors, to match the best shooter with the best sensor. Offensive and defensive integration during multi-domain operations will enable neutralizing enemy missile forces prior to launch."

To achieve the AMD force of 2028, the Army is developing AMD capabilities to overmatch adversaries, prioritizing protection of the maneuver forces and the ability to defeat complex, integrated attacks through the air domain. Continued modernization of air and missile defenses, including the development and fielding of LTAMDS, M-SHORAD, IFPC and IBCS will result in a multi-mission AMD force capable of providing protection throughout the MDO battlespace framework.

The Army has made AMD one of its top six modernization priorities, beginning with the production of M-SHORAD

systems and also selecting Iron Dome as the interim IFPC.

The Army is also making investments in personnel and increased AMD force structure by recently activating an air defense artillery, or ADA, brigade in Japan and an ADA SHORAD battalion in Europe. These and the additional formations to follow will contain a mix of capabilities will be agile, rapidly tailorable and scalable, employing tailored force packages as the mission dictates.

Leveraging the 2018 Air Defense Artillery Training Strategy, the Army is developing flexible and adaptive AMD leaders and Soldiers who are able to master AMD's core competencies, expertly employ fielded systems, and fully exploit new capabilities. Training will be tough, realistic, inter-active and battle-focused, integrating the synthetic training environment's virtual, constructive and gaming applications.

Through extensive forward presence, Army AMD assures allies and partners and provides a credible deterrent to adversaries. The continued cooperation toward interoperability with allies and partners significantly increases the capabilities of the combined defense.

The Army AMD forces will continue to reduce the barriers of foreign disclosure, increase technical integration and interoperability, and emphasize the necessity of a shared commitment to a combined defense.

"The Army of 2028 will be ready to deploy, fight and win decisively against any adversary, anytime and anywhere, in a joint, multi-domain, high-intensity conflict, while simultaneously deterring others and maintaining its ability to conduct irregular warfare," Dickinson said.

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U.S. military firefighters train for earthquakes at Camp Zama

By Winifred Brown

US Army Garrison - Japan

4/2/2019 - **CAMP ZAMA, Japan** — For decades, the sounds of military family life at Camp Zama reverberated within the walls of 1078 MacArthur Drive, but March 26 through 28, firefighters took over the now-uninhabited home and filled it with sounds of hope for earthquake victims.

In this case, that meant the sounds of drills and saws creating holes in concrete walls and ceilings.

U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force firefighters from throughout Japan and Okinawa gathered at Camp Zama for the 33rd annual U.S. Forces Japan Fire Officers Association Training Symposium, which featured a hands-on training scenario where firefighters had to reach earthquake victims inside a collapsed building.

Firefighters spent the first two days creating holes in concrete walls and ceilings and practicing sending firefighters through the holes to reach rescue dummies. The fire chiefs and other administrators, meanwhile, discussed the latest ways to improve fire protection, and on the last day, attended a demonstration of the training.

The demonstration showed how rescuers would first drill a small hole in the floor and place a special video camera through it to check on an earthquake victim; use a device to check the air quality below; cut a larger hole through the floor with saws and drills; send firefighters through the floor; and bring the victim up through the floor

and out of the building for medical care. A firefighter videotaped the demonstration inside the building and it played live on a screen outside.

Frank Wombwell, regional fire chief, U.S. Army Garrison Japan Fire and Emergency Services, said the symposium was a great way for firefighters from all four branches of the service to get together and learn from one another.

“The relationship we have with the other branches of the service, it really needs to be there,” Wombwell said. “We need to see what’s going on with the Navy, the Marine Corps and the Air Force and then in turn, they see what’s going on with the Army.”

Yuhei Hino, regional training officer, Fire and Emergency Services, U.S. Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, said firefighters cannot perform their jobs to the best of their abilities if they are not all in sync during an emergency situation.

“So events like today’s are a great opportunity for us firefighters to get to know each other and establish relationships with the other sister services,” Hino said. “From there, hopefully we’ll be able to exchange techniques and skills so that each organization will be prepared for any emergency.”

Wombwell said this was the first time in 14 years that Camp Zama had hosted the symposium, and that meant many of the installation’s firefighters could participate.

One of them was Tetsuya Hamada, fire crew chief for Engine 1, Fire and Emergency Services, USAG Japan, and he said the training inspired him for rescue missions.



(U.S. Army photo by Winifred Brown)

U.S. military firefighters use a dummy to demonstrate how they would help a medical casualty during a demonstration of hands-on rescue training at Camp Zama, March 28.

“One of the other firefighters told me that our job does not end when we make a hole in the wall,” Hamada said. “He said our job ends when we perform all the necessary operations in order to rescue someone in need. That resonated with me.”

Most of the firefighters at U.S. military bases in Japan are local nationals, and this was the first year that U.S. service members participated in the training, said Staff Sgt. Rico Blas Castro, assigned to the 374th Civil Engineering Squadron at Yokota Air Base, and one of the three U.S. service members who participated.

Blas Castro served as the training’s incident commander and said he learned a lot from the local-national firefighters during the training.

“It was great partnering with them and to learn their rescue skills to build our rescue skills,” Blas Castro said. “If a disaster does happen, I have full confidence in all of them and all of us that we’ll be able to work together.”

Senior Airman James Butler, also assigned to the 374th CES at Yokota, said

he learned the fundamentals of cutting through concrete; the ropes and knots necessary for rescues; and how to get people out of harsh conditions.

“I know I can take this knowledge and bring it back with me and teach some of the guys so we can have some of the same wherewithal on how to do stuff and day-to-day operations as far as rescue operations like this,” Butler said. “That way we’re all on the same page as far as rescue, so it’s great.”

Col. Phillip Gage, commander of USAG Japan, and USAG Japan Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Norman visited the symposium on its first day and welcomed the nearly 100 participants.

Gage, who noted a building fire took place on Camp Zama in November 2018, thanked the firefighters for their dedication to the mission.

“Because of our fire department and also our local-national fire departments outside the gate—due to their professionalism—they saved the building very quickly and everyone was safe, so your training does pay off,” Gage said.

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NOTICE

18th LRS Air Force Equipment Management System (AFEMS) Freeze
The 18th Logistics Readiness Equipment Accountability Element wants to inform all property and equipment custodians starting April 1 the Air Force Equipment Management System (AFEMS) records will be frozen. The Equipment office will no longer be accepting AF Form 601's for authorization change requests until the freeze is lifted and the migration to Defense Property Accountability System (DPAS) is completed July 1, 2019. For more information please call 634-3653.

Scheduled Power Outage Bldgs 218, 219, 224

A power outage is scheduled from April 11 from 0800 to 1300 hrs. This outage is required for removal of the existing electrical cable and installation of new electrical cable on the roof of building 218. The following facilities will be affected by this power outage: 218 (including gas station diesel fuel pumps and 4 lights), 219 and 224. Please plan accordingly and turn off your personal computers electronics devices, and other electrical appliances before the outage. Minimize opening refrigerators to prevent food spoilage.

TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries

The 18th Medical Group TRICARE Plus program will re-open for enrollment on March 15. TRICARE Plus is an optional cost-free coverage for primary care services at military hospitals. It allows eligible beneficiaries access to primary care at a higher priority than space available; however, it does not cover specialty care. All referrals for specialty care services will not be covered and are the responsibility of the member. Additionally, if you are enrolled in TRICARE Plus at USNHO it will not transfer to the 18th Medical Group.

How can I enroll to TRICARE Plus?

- Present to TRICARE front desk at Kadena Clinic
- Complete TRICARE plus screening application packet
- Allow 14 days for approval or disapproval notification. Apply now while there is availability!

TMO Personal Property

Hours of Operations: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (0830-1530) / Tuesday, Thursday (0730-1500)
Location: Building 756, DSN: 632-0068 PCS Group Briefings: Every Tuesday & Thursday (1500). Kadena customers will need valid PCS orders before scheduling any Household Goods and Unaccompanied Shipments.

TMO Passenger Travel

Hours of Operations: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (0830-1530) / Tuesday, Thursday (0730-1500)
Location: Building 756 / DSN: 634-7792/7794
Mandatory PCS Briefings are every Wednesday at 1530. Leave in Conjunction with Official Travel (LICWO) Walk-in Hours are from 830-1100 Monday, Wednesday, Friday and from 0800-1100 on Tuesday, Thursday.

Circuitous Travel Hours are available Monday - Friday by appointment only. Please call TMO to book an appointment between 1230-1500 at 634-7792/7794. For Scheduled Airline Ticket Office (SATO) assistance, please call 1-855-431-7707 (option 3).

Submit 'PCS Port Call Reservation Worksheet' as soon as you are notified of assignment to the 18 FSS/MPS/Relocation org box (even without orders). PCS Port Call Reservation Worksheet can be found on the Kadena SharePoint: (<https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18MSG/18LRS/LGRD/TMO/PT/SitePages/Home.aspx>)

If you are Separating or Retiring, submit your 'Ret Sep Port Call Request' to the 18 FSS/MPS/Retirements and Separations org box (even without orders).

RET SEP Portcall Request can be found on the Kadena SharePoint.

Common Mistakes for Port Call Request: - Missing Full Middle Name / - Date of Birth Format / - Next of Kin (someone not traveling with you) / - Expired/inactive Passport Information / - Expired/inactive GTC card

TMO Outbound Freight/Cargo new phone numbers

TMO Outbound Freight/Cargo has recently moved to Bldg. 795 and with its new phone numbers have been added. You can now reach us at:

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Outbound Freight Office: 634-6412//634-6414//634-1162//634-6431//634-1750//634-6437 / Water Port Office: 632-6530//634-6671

Dependent and Retiree Online ID Card Renewal Processing

Effective April 15, The 18 Force Support Squadron DEERS Facility will begin to exclusively process dependent and retiree ID card renewal applications online. For more information please visit the <http://www.kadenafss.com/career/military-personnel-flight/link>.

INFORMATION

Mail Collection Box Locations on Kadena Air Base

For your letter mailing convenience, five mail drop box locations are available and their respective pickup schedules are below. Each letter must have the appropriate postage adhered to the letter before placing in the mail drop box. If postage is needed please visit the post office to purchase. Drive-up mailboxes and pick up times are listed below:

Nearby the Community Bank drive-through ATM (across from Schilling Community Center). Mail will be picked up Monday - Friday at 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 1230 p.m. / Near the Fairchild Shoppette. Mail will be picked up Monday - Friday at 2:36 p.m., Sat at 12:36 p.m. / Near the Kadena Base Exchange main entrance, Mon - Fri 2:43 p.m., Saturday 12:43 p.m. / Near the Kadena post office main entrance, Mon - Fri 2:48 p.m., Saturday at 12:48 p.m. / Nearby Popeye's Restaurant at Olympic Mail, Mon - Fri 2:53 p.m., Saturday at 12:53 p.m. For more information, contact Nick Tolosa at 634-7909.

Kadena and Camp Foster Emergency Numbers

Kadena Fire Emergency Services reminds everyone to program their cell phones with the emergency numbers. To report an emergency on Kadena via cell, dial 098-934-5911, and from an office phone, dial 911. For Camp Foster via cell, dial 098-911-1911, or from an office phone, dial 911.

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How to File a Complaint with IG

If you believe you are unable to resolve your complaint through supervisory channels, you may seek IG assistance to determine if the complaint should be filed with the IG. You can file a complaint if you reasonably believe inappropriate conduct has occurred or a violation of law, policy, procedures, or regulation has been committed. Complete the personnel data information on an AF Form 102 and briefly outline the facts and relevant information related to the issue or complaint. List the allegations of wrongdoing briefly, in general terms and provide supporting narrative detail and documents later, when interviewed by an IG person. Allegations should be written as bullets and should answer who committed the violation; what violation was committed; what law, regulation, procedures, or policy was violated; when did the violation occur. Help is available: Call your Kadena IG office at 634-7622 for Maj Sarabia, 634-1109 for SMSgt Southern, 634-2768 for Mrs. Korpinen, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud, Waste, & Abuse

(FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Company Grade Officer's Council Softball Tournament

The first Company Grade Officer's Council Softball tournament registration is now open for all types of teams (Men's, Women's and Squadrons) and will close on April 7. Normal Amateur Softball Association rules with five games guaranteed, and a HR Derby Contest (prizes for winners) hosted at the Risner Four diamonds on April 12 from 6 - 10 p.m. and April 13 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. If you are interested in registering a team or volunteering, please contact Ryan Weitgenant at 634-5432 or rmweitgenant@gmail.com.

18th Dental Squadron to host 2nd Annual Give Kids a Smile event

On Friday, April 5th there will be an all-day children's clinic for Active Duty Dependents eligible for care on Kadena ages 0-10 to receive their annual dental exam and cleaning as well as limited sealants and fillings on a first come, first served basis. To guarantee your child's appointment pre-register by calling or stopping by the Pediatric Dentistry Front Desk beginning Thursday, March 28 thru Thursday, April 4 between the hours of 8-9 a.m. and Noon-1 p.m. For more information, contact 630-4260/4902.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking Earth Day Volunteers

Kadena Environmental would like you know of the Earth Day 2019 events we have currently underway. Help support through volunteer and donations! Hazardous Material Amnesty turn-in at Eagle Hardware (April 13, 0900-1300) Accepting: used motor oil in marked containers, batteries, bleach, paints, butane, bug sprays and carpet cleaners. We will not be taking used cooking oil, it can be dropped off at the Kadena Recycling Center at Bldg. 871. Also, if you need these items, please check out the free issue at the Environmental Office, located at Bldg. 3622 on Kadena Air Base. Clothes donation now thru April 30. There will donation bins located throughout Kadena base facilities to include the Kadena BX and others. As you consider your spring cleaning or get ready to plan for your PCS, think about donating your unwanted clothes. The clothes will be going to the local orphanages and homeless shelters within our surrounding community. Look for the clothes bins marked Earth Day 2019! Beach clean-up at Sunabe Sea Wall (May 3, 0800). Please come out and join us as we clean up our community's beaches. We ask that you bring your own hydration sources, gloves to enjoy the day with us.

Kadena High School needed for Volunteer Native Speakers

Kadena High School is seeking volunteer native Spanish and French speakers to engage in conversational practice with students. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and help our students develop their language skills. Civilian attire is appropriate. Military spouses, non-military and civilians are also welcomed to participate in this opportunity. The volunteer days are April 19, May 24. Spanish speaking volunteers are needed between 0814-1405. French speaking volunteers are needed between 0720-1000. You will have the

option to sign up for one or multiple time slots. Call for more info 634-1216 or email: Jason.Gusler@pac.dodea.edu

Kadena High School Football Program

The Kadena High School football program is looking for volunteers that would like to help with its weightlifting program. Volunteers would be assigned one day a week from Feb 25 through May 25, to come in and monitor the prescribed workout for correct form, effort and safety. There would be no more commitment than one day per week for about 60-80 minutes per day unless the volunteer would choose to do more. The workouts would last from 1420-1540 on Mondays through Fridays. Volunteers would motivate the athletes through their workouts, helping students write down their weight/sets/ reps in their logs, and ensure proper form and safety. The students will be on a prescribed program but extra activities could be added if they finish early or feel that they could benefit from more exercises. This will be great opportunity for community members to earn volunteer hours and resume experience. If you are interested, please contact Coach Mendoza at sergio.mendoza@pac.dodea.edu. A volunteer packet and background check will be required.

Kadena Middle School Military Mentor Monday

Kadena Middle School is looking for mentors who are willing and able to assist/support middle school students in academics and age-appropriate social interactions. "The intent of the Military Mentor Monday Program or (MMMP) is to build an on-going relationship between our local military community and DoDEA schools as well as provide positive role models to the students" (Pacific South Continuous School Improvement, 2019). This will take place at KDMS in various locations on the campus. Volunteers are needed every Monday to assist between 0730-1430. To volunteer please contact Ms. Traci Cooper at Traci.Cooper@dodea.edu or call 632-0217

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Aircrew assigned to the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron prepare to board a B-52 Stratofortress at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, March 18.

USAF bombers fly coordinated missions from Indo-Pacific, Europe

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ryan Brooks)

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

3/19/2019 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM, Hawaii — U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress bombers launched from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam and Royal Air Force (RAF) Fairford, England, March 18 to conduct simultaneous theater familiarization training in the Indo-Pacific and Europe.

Bombers launched from Andersen AFB and flew north to an area east of the Kamchatka Peninsula before returning to base. Collectively, the flights from the Indo-Pacific and Europe demonstrated

U.S. commitment to allies and partners through the global employment of military forces.

The B-52Hs from Andersen AFB are deployed from the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, in support of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's (USIN-DOPACOM) Continuous Bomber Presence (CBP). The CBP has been operational for more than a decade in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific. These missions, flown by Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), routinely operate throughout the region in accordance with international law and norms.

The B-52Hs operating out of RAF Fairford are part of the Bomber Task Force currently deployed to Europe from the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. While in theater, the bombers will conduct training with NATO allies and partners in order to enhance interoperability and readiness. The deployment of strategic bombers to the UK helps exercise RAF Fairford as U.S. Air Forces in Europe's forward operating location for bombers.

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